

Subpart A—General Provisions**§ 135.1 Scope.**

This part establishes the procedures for determining the Panama Canal Universal Measurement System (hereinafter PC/UMS) Net Tonnage. The tonnage shall be used to assess tolls for use of the Panama Canal. Also, the tonnage may be used, when adequate volume information is not provided, to assess the charge for admeasurement services. Vessels measuring not more than 30.48 meters (100 feet) in length overall are not required to be measured. If the Panama Canal Commission determines the toll provided in § 133.1 (d) will apply, the vessel need not be assigned a PC/UMS Net Tonnage.

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§ 135.2 Vessels generally to present tonnage certificate or be measured.

All vessels except warships, floating drydocks, dredges, and vessels subject to transitional relief measures, applying for passage through the Panama Canal shall present a duly authenticated International Tonnage Certificate (1969) (hereinafter ITC 69), or suitable substitute (i.e., a certificate derived from a system which is substantially similar to that which was provided for in the 1969 International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships, and which contains the total volume or allows for the direct mathematical determination of total volume). Vessels without such total volume information shall be inspected by Canal authorities who shall determine an appropriate volume for use in the calculation of a PC/UMS Net Tonnage of such vessels. In addition, these same vessels shall provide documentation, such as plans and classification certificates, with sufficient information to determine the volume of the maximum capacity of containers that may be carried on or above the upper deck, or VMC as defined in section 135.13(a)(11).

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§ 135.3 Determination of total volume and VMC.

(a) Determination of total volume and VMC used to calculate PC/UMS Net Tonnage shall be carried out by the Panama Canal Commission. In so doing, however, the Commission may rely upon total volume and VMC information provided by such officials as are authorized by national governments to undertake surveys and issue national tonnage certificates. Total volume and VMC information presented to the Commission shall be subject to verification, and if necessary, correction as necessary to ensure accuracy to a degree acceptable to the Commission.

(b) The Commission may, when it is deemed necessary to verify information contained on the ITC 69, require the submission of additional documents. Failure to submit the requested documentation may result in the Commission's developing a figure that accurately reflects the vessel's volume.

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§ 135.4 Administration and interpretation of rules.

The rules of measurement provided in this part shall be administered and interpreted by the Administrator of the Panama Canal Commission.

Subpart B—PC/UMS Net Tonnage Measurement**§ 135.11 Tonnage.**

(a) The tonnage of a ship shall consist of PC/UMS Net Tonnage.

(b) The net tonnage shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of the regulations in this subpart.

(c) The net tonnage of novel types of craft whose constructional features are such as to render the application of the provisions of the regulations in this subpart unreasonable or impracticable shall be determined in a manner which is acceptable to the Panama Canal Commission.